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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action dated March 29, 2000. An appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 56, line 30, after "Helios polypeptide." please add --As indicated in the cited text from *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*, a hybridization solution ("hybridization solution I") can, for example, contain (for a total volume of 1 liter): 480 ml formamide; 240 ml 20x SSC; 10 ml 2 M Tris.Cl, pH 7.6; 10 ml 100x Denhardts solution; 50 ml deionized water; 200 ml 50% dextran sulfate; and 10 ml 10% SDS. A low stringency wash buffer that can be used after hybridization in hybridization solution I can contain: 2x SSC; and 0.1% SDS. A high stringency wash buffer that could be used after hybridization in hybridization solution I can contain: 0.2x SSC; and 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS).

An alternative hybridization solution ("hybridization solution II") can contain: 1% crystalline bovine serum albumin (BSA) (fraction V); 1 mM EDTA; 0.5 M NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.2; and 7% SDS. A low stringency wash buffer that can be used after hybridization in hybridization solution II can, for example, contain: 0.5% BSA (fraction V); 1 mM Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA; 40 mM NaHPO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.2; and 5% SDS. A high stringency wash buffer that can be used after

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